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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1964

The unofficial national championship was "shared" by more 1964 college football teams than in any other year. Alabama was designated the titlist by both the writers' and coaches' wire-service polls, also by the Washington Touch-down Club. But Notre Dame was the choice of the National Football Foundation and the Howard Jones Memorial Award Foundation. And after the bowl games' dust had settled, the Football Writers' Association of America named Arkansas.

The AP poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the UPI poll of coaches was begun in 1950. Representing the combined opinions of observers across the country, they are the most popularly accepted electors to mythical national title honors. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies symbolized the championship from 1924 to 1936. The titlists thus designated:

1964—Alabama	1953—Maryland	1943—Notre Dame	1933—Michigan
1963—Texas	1952—Michigan State	1942—Ohio State	1932—Michigan
1962—So. California	1951—Tennessee	1941—Minnesota	1931—So. California
1961—Alabama	1950—Oklahoma	1940—Minnesota	1930—Notre Dame
1960—Minnesota	1949—Notre Dame	1939—Texas A&M	1929—Notre Dame
1959—Syracuse	1948—Michigan	1938—T.C.U.	1928—So. California
1958—LSU	1947—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1927—Illinois
1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1946—Notre Dame	1936—Minnesota	1926—Stanford
1956—Oklahoma	1945—Army	1935—S.M.U.	1925—Dartmouth
1955—Oklahoma	1944—Army	1934—Minnesota	1924—Notre Dame
1954—Ohio St., UCLA			

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1964

The most successful major teams of the past 29 years, according to the ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 114 points, the Sooners 94 with the rest far behind:

1. Notre Dame . . . 114	5. Texas 64	9. Minnesota . . . 57	12. Navy 50
2. Oklahoma 94	6. Tennessee . . . 63	10. Michigan St. . 53	14. UCLA 40
3. Michigan 74	7. Alabama 63	11. LSU 51	15. So. Calif. . . 37
4. Ohio State . . . 68	8. Army 61	12. Mississippi . . 50	

THE GRANTLAND RICE AWARD

This post-bowl games award, representing the FWAA selection committee's title choice, was presented to UCLA in 1954, Oklahoma in 1955 and 1956, Ohio State in 1957, Iowa in 1958, Syracuse in 1959, Mississippi in 1960, Ohio State in 1961, Southern California in 1962, Texas in 1963 and Arkansas in 1964.

Oregon State would have been a routine selection. But the faculty men waited a week, and that was the week Troy surprised previously unbeaten Notre Dame in the season's most thrilling melodrama.

When Oregon State subsequently was routed in the Rose Bowl, it strengthened the conviction that the conference had selected the "wrong team." Yet it seems unlikely lasting harm was inflicted on anybody, including the Rose Bowl people. The show drew a capacity crowd, as usual.

Tommy Prothro came out of the storm with a contract as head coach at UCLA, succeeding Billy Barnes. Dee Andros switched from Idaho to Oregon State, following Prothro. Michigan celebrated all winter — or until its basketball team was beaten by UCLA for the national championship — and the faculty people acted to avoid further controversy.

In the future, the AAWU will choose its Rose Bowl team immediately after the final week of conference games.

It was a romp for Bump Elliott's Wolverines in the 1965 Rose Bowl, yet his colleagues voted Parseghian and Broyles "co-coaches of the year." Notre Dame's dramatic improvement in Parseghian's first term resulted,

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